

Agency 050

Commission on Judicial Conduct**Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2003-05 Expenditure Authority	9.5	1,848		1,848
Total Maintenance Level	9.5	1,934		1,934
Difference		86		86
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	4.7%		4.7%
Performance Changes				
Microfiche-Microfilm Conversion		10		10
Computer Replacement		38		38
Subtotal		48		48
Total Proposed Budget	9.5	1,982		1,982
Difference		134		134
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	7.3%		7.3%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Judicial Conduct Review	9.5	1,982		1,982
Total Proposed Budget	9.5	1,982		1,982

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS**Microfiche-Microfilm Conversion**

One-time funding in the amount of \$10,000 is needed in Fiscal Year 2006 to convert archive files from an obsolete microfiche/microfilm format to a digital image format and to index the converted files.

Computer Replacement

The Commission's aging computer servers, workstations, firewall, and related software will be replaced.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS**Judicial Conduct Review**

The Commission on Judicial Conduct was created by constitutional amendment as an independent agency of the judicial branch of government to review complaints concerning the ethical conduct of judges, state officers, and state employees of the judicial branch. The Commission, an 11-member body composed of jurists, attorneys and representatives of the public, may impose sanctions, recommend disciplinary action, and issue decisions in the interest of both judicial independence and public accountability. Commission activities commence with a complaint from which follows a mandatory process involving four distinct constitutionally required phases: preliminary investigation (96.1 percent of the complaints are resolved at this stage), initial proceedings (2.9 percent); public fact-finding hearing (.5 percent); and Supreme Court review (.5 percent). The outcome at the end of each stage dictates whether further proceedings are necessary.